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Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Advisory Action mailed August 5, 2003 in the above-identified application. Enclosed herewith is a Petition for a four-month extension of time and a Request for Continued Examination. A Notice of Appeal was filed July 14, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent Office on July 21, 2003, thereby extending the period for reply until September 21, 2003. A copy of the stamped postcard is enclosed herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency in fees herein, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated January 13, 2003 is respectfully requested. Claims 1-14 are pending; claims 11-14 have been withdrawn; and claims 1-10 are currently under examination. Applicants request entry of the amendment and consideration of the arguments presented in the response filed July 14, 2003, which is incorporated by reference herein.

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